

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus for taking and recording an image, comprising:
 - an imager which takes an image;
 - a communicator which transmits/receives a signal to/from at least one external imaging apparatus;
 - a display controller which is operable to display the image taken by the imager and at least one received image taken by and transmitted from the at least one external imaging apparatus and received by the communicator;
 - an image recognizer which recognizes an image in which an object having set characteristics is present within the image taken by the imaging apparatus and the at least one received image; and
 - a recording controller operable to control the recording of one or more selected images according to a first result of an image recognition executed by the image recognizer on the image taken by the imager and the at least one received image, and a second result associated with a priority ranking applied to the image taken by the imager and the at least one received image; and

a data separation portion operable to separate two images when the at least one received image taken by and transmitted from the at least one external imaging apparatus comprises the two images, wherein the separated two images are received by the recording controller.

2. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a signal of the image taken by the imaging apparatus is transmittable to at least a part of the at least one external imaging apparatus by using the communicator.

3. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission/reception of the signal by the communicator is made by wireless communication.

4. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image compositor composites the images such that the image selected by the image selector is presented in a size larger than the other image or images not selected.

5. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an audio inputter which receives an audio input through a single channel, and wherein the recorder records in the recording medium a signal of the audio input sent from the audio inputter, and the signal of the image selected by the image selector.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein where a plurality of images are recognized and notified by the image recognizer, the image selector selects an image which is predetermined to be of a highest priority, among the images notified by the image recognizer.

8. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 7, wherein where no image is recognized by the image recognizer, the image selector selects an image among the image taken by the imaging apparatus and the at least one received image, based on at least one of a predetermined priority ranking and an image last selected.

9. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus for recording an inputted image, comprising:

an image receiver which receives a signal of each of a plurality of images including at least one image taken by and transmitted from at least one external imaging apparatus;

a display controller operable to display the inputted image and the at least one image received by the image receiver ;

an image recognizer which recognizes an image in which an object having set characteristics is present within the inputted image and the at least one received image; and

a recording controller operable to control the recording of one or more selected images according to a first result of an image recognition executed by the image recognizer on

the inputted image and the at least one received image, and a second result associated with a priority ranking applied to the inputted image and the at least one received image; and
a data separation portion operable to separate two images when the at least one received image taken by and transmitted from the at least one external imaging apparatus comprises the two images, wherein the separated two images are received by the recording controller.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for recording images respectively taken by a plurality of imaging apparatuses, each of the imaging apparatuses is capable of:

transmitting a signal of an image taken by the each imaging apparatus to at least one of the other imaging apparatus, and receiving at least one signal of an image or images taken by the other imaging apparatuses;

displaying the image taken by the each imaging apparatus, and the at least one image received from the other imaging apparatuses on a screen;

recognizing an image in which an object having set characteristics is present within the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and the at least one received image; and

controlling the recording of one or more selected images according to a first result of the image recognizing step on the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and the at least one received image, and a second result associated with a priority ranking applied to the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and the at least one received image; and

a data separation portion operable to separate two images when the at least one received image taken by and transmitted from the at least one external imaging apparatus

comprises the two images, wherein the separated two images are received by the recording controller.

11. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the characteristics as set comprises color information.

12. (Previously Presented) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the characteristics as set comprises information for detecting a face of a person.

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